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Applicant(s): Elizabeth A. Dauch and John W. Jacobs  
Assignee: NEC Electronics America, Inc.  
Title: TUNGSTEN PLUG CORROSION PREVENTION  
METHOD USING WATER  
Application No.: 10/602,291 Filing Date: June 24, 2003  
Examiner: Lynne Anne Gurley Group Art Unit: 2812  
Attorney Docket No.: NEC0252US Confirmation No.: 1241

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July 29, 2004

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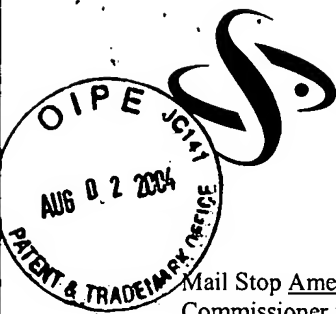
**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on July 29, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (7 pages)

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	9	Minus	20	=	0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	=	0	x \$86.00	\$ 0.00

- ☐ Fee of \_\_\_\_\_ for the first filing of one or more multiple  
dependent claims per application \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely  
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considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- ☐ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of \$ 0.00
- ☒ Also, charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit  
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